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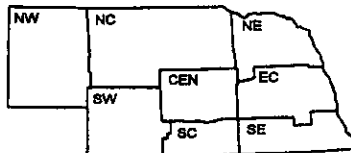
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WEATHER

Cool temperatures early in the week were offset by warm temperature the last half. Averages were near normal or just below for the week. Precipitation was widespread with amounts ranging from a trace to over two inches in the Northeast.

GENERAL

Wet soil conditions slowed harvest progress early in the week, but activities were in full swing by weeks end, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn harvest was nearing the halfway point and over 50% of the soybean crop was combined. Frost was noted over portions of the western two-thirds of the State, while most of the east had not yet experienced freezing temperatures. The cooler, wet conditions gave a boost to stands of wheat and pastures. Cattle were being moved to stalk fields. Soil moisture levels improved for the second week, although pockets of drought continue to exist in parts of the Southwest. Other producer activities included millet, sugar beet, sunflower, dry bean and hay harvests, equipment repair, calf weaning and livestock care, and LDP requests at local FSA offices.

CROPS

Corn for grain harvest was 44% complete and continued nearly two weeks ahead of 19% last year and 18% average. Progress was most advanced in South Central counties and least in the northern half of the State. Windy conditions caused additional lodging. However, stalk breakage is much less than a year earlier.

CROPS (cont.)

Soybean harvest moved to 52% complete, behind 58% last year and 55% average. Green stems continued to make harvest slow.

Sorghum harvest was slow to pick up momentum as producers focused on corn and soybeans. Wet soils in the Southeast also hindered progress. Acreage harvested advanced to 21%, behind 32% last year but equal to the average.

Dry bean harvest, at 92%, was near completion, just behind 94% last year and ahead of 90% average.

Alfalfa condition improved with the cooler, wet conditions and rated 5% poor, 25% fair, 65% good and 5% excellent. Fourth cutting was 84% complete, ahead of 76% last year and 75% average.

Winter Wheat seeding advanced to 95%, just behind 96% last year and 97% average. Emergence was at 79%, behind 84% last year and equal to the average. Stands improved with the recent rains, however, some replanting continued.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range conditions rated 4% very poor, 13% poor, 34% fair, 45% good, and 4% excellent. Over grazed conditions began showing improvement, but will need additional time for growth to return. Livestock were being turned into stalk fields. Bloat was noted in cattle grazing on fields with large amounts of corn on the ground.

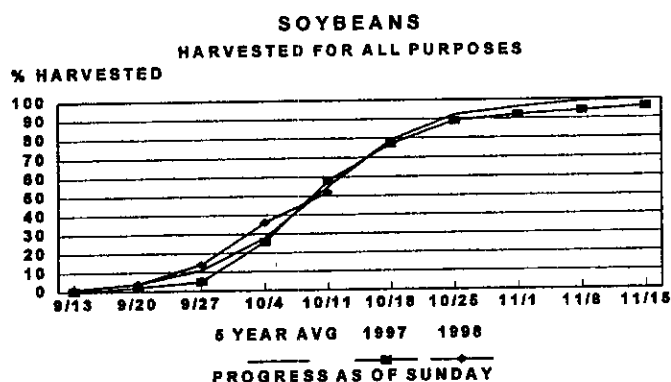
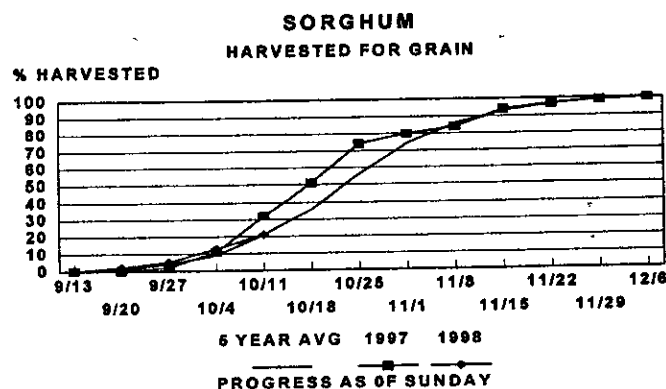
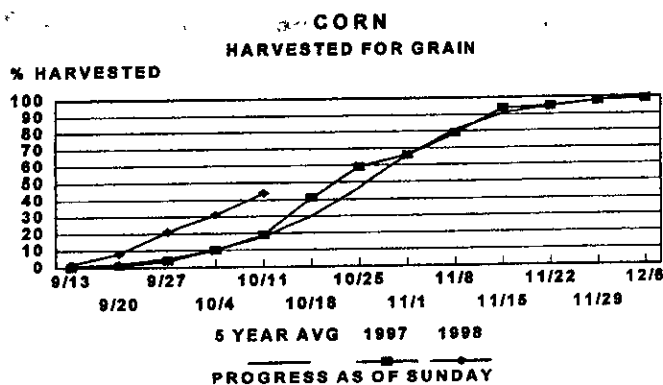
CROP PROGRESS AS OF October 11, 1998	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	19	28	36	45	49	31	57	49	44	31	19	18
% Soybeans Harvested	na	43	43	43	63	52	77	43	52	36	58	55
% Sorghum Harvested	na	14	35	17	39	27	15	18	21	12	32	21
% Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	36	80	85	96	72	94	92	72	84	68	76	75
% Dry Beans Harvested	89	100	100	78	na	98	na	na	92	82	94	90
% Wheat Planted	99	100	na	96	80	98	93	59	95	91	96	97
% Wheat Emerged	93	97	na	45	35	82	46	49	79	67	84	79
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF October 9, 1998												
Days suitable	2 7	4 8	4 3	4 4	3 8	4 7	4 8	3 0	4 1	5 6	6 3	
Topsoil moisture												
- Very Short	0	6	0	1	0	16	3	0	4	5	4	
(Percent)												
- Short	4	21	5	13	9	33	19	0	14	33	37	
- Adequate	96	71	94	86	86	51	78	94	80	62	58	
- Surplus	0	2	1	0	5	0	0	6	2	0	1	
Subsoil moisture												
- Very Short	0	12	0	0	0	22	7	0	6	8	7	
(Percent)												
- Short	11	30	9	27	17	33	42	5	23	39	35	
- Adequate	89	56	91	73	79	45	51	93	70	53	58	
- Surplus	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	

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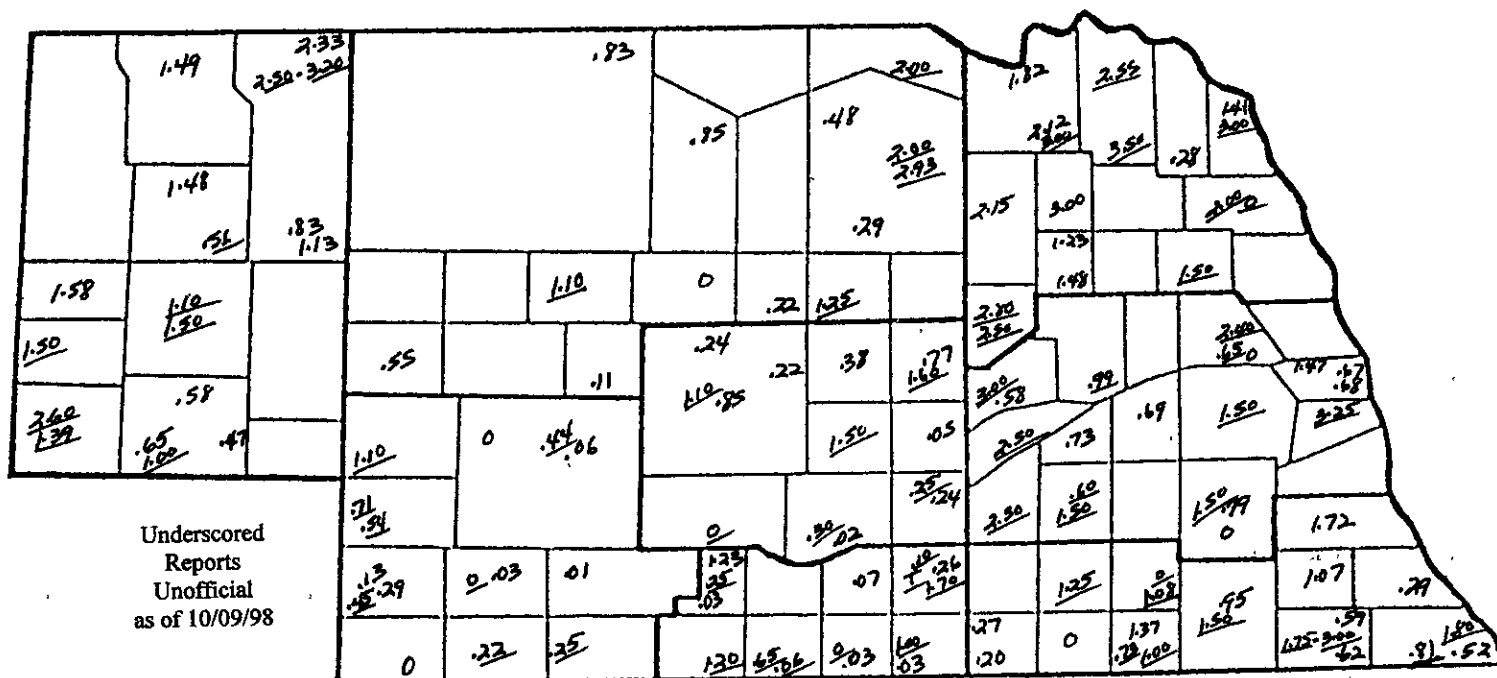
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1998



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1998

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	84	33	53	---	1.49
Scottsbluff	79	32	51	-2	1.58
Sidney	77	32	50	---	.65
NC Valentine	80	30	52	-1	.83
NE Norfolk	77	36	55	0	1.23
Sioux City	79	33	56	0	1.41
CEN Grand Island	76	34	56	0	.24
Ord	75	30	53	---	.38
EC Lincoln	77	35	56	-2	.79
Omaha	76	38	56	-1	.67
SW Imperial	89	34	54	---	.29
North Platte	77	28	52	-2	.06